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SUBJECT: PA&E EMPLOYEES: POLISH ACTION

REF: (A) STATE 207786; (B) WARSAW 5485

1. DURING A BRIEF CONVERSATION OCTOBER 29 AT A SOCIAL FUNCTION, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER SPASOWSKI TOLD ME THAT HE HAD SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO AMBASSADOR KULAGA TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF THE PA&E EMPLOYEES. (SPASOWSKI MENTIONED IN ANOTHER CONNECTION THAT HE HAS RECENTLY BEEN DESIGNATED THE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR VIET-NAM).

2. SPASOWSKI SAID THE POLISH ICCS DELEGATION DID NOT KNOW PRECISELY WHERE THE EMPLOYEES WERE BEING HELD. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME "USEFUL CONTACT" BETWEEN THE POLISH DELEGATION AND THE PRG
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AND HE WAS SATISFIED THAT KULAGA HAD DONE EVERYTHING

HE COULD.

3. I ASKED SPASOWSKI WHEN HE THOUGHT THE PRG MIGHT RELEASE THE EMPLOYEES. HE SAID, WITH EVIDENT EXASPERATION, THAT IT HAD BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE POLES TO LEARN WHAT THE PRG INTENDED AS A NEXT STEP. PERHAPS, HE SAID SPECULATIVELY, THE PRG WOULD NOW WANT TO ENTER INTO DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH PA&E ON THE MODALITIES OF RELEASE. BUT, HE REPEATED, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE POLES TO KNOW WHAT PRG INTENTIONS WERE; WE WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT THE NEXT STEP.

4. I THANKED SPASOWSKI OF THE INFORMATION AND FOR THE EFFORTS MADE BY THE POLISH GOVERNMENT AND THE POLISH ICCS DELEGATION AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WE WOULD NOT HAVE TO WAIT LONG FOR RELEASE OF THE EMPLOYEES, IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUING STRONG INTEREST IN THEIR CASE IN WASHINGTON AND SAIGON.
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